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Sir:

The below-named attorney of record, authorized to act on the behalf of the assignee of record, hereby disclaims the terminal part of the entire patent granted on the aboveidentified application, U.S. Serial No. 10/085,659 (hereinafter, "the '659 application"), which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of United States Patent No. 6,674,561, and hereby agrees that any patent granted from the '659 application shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to said patent shall be the same as the legal title to U.S. Patent No. 6,674,561. This agreement is to run with any patent granted on the '659 application and to be binding upon the grantee, its successors or assigns.

The undersigned attorney of record states that he is empowered to sign this Statement on behalf of the assignee, Sony Corporation, and the undersigned further states that 100% of the title to U.S. Patent No. 6,674,561 (hereinafter, "the '561 patent") is in Sony Corporation, a Japanese corporation, by virtue of an assignment by the inventor, which was recorded on May 21, 2002 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at reel/frame 012915/0045.

The undersigned further states that 100% of the title to the '659 application is in Sony Corporation, by virtue of an assignment by the inventors, which was recorded on June 03, 2002 in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at reel/frame 012944/0411.

The evidentiary documents accompanying or referred to in this Terminal Disclaimer have been reviewed by the undersigned and it is certified that to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title to the '659 application and the '561 patent are in the assignee seeking to take action.

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